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The Honorable Bill Hardiman, Chair
Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on FIA
Michigan State Senate
State Capitol
Lansing, Michigan 48933

The Honorable Rick Shaffer, Chair
House Appropriations Subcommittee on DHS
Michigan House of Representatives
Lansing, Michigan 48933

Dear Senator Hardiman and Representative Shaffer:

Section 753 of Public Act 147 of 2005 (Enrolled Senate Bill No. 271) states: *The department shall implement the recommendations of the 2004 public private partnership initiative's training committee to define, design, and implement a train-the-trainer program to certify private agency staff to deliver child welfare staff training, explore the use of e-learning technologies, and include consumers in the design and implementation of training. The intent of the legislature is to reduce training and travel costs for both the department and the private agencies. The department shall report no later than December 1, 2005 on each specific policy change made to implement enacted legislation and the plans to implement the recommendations, including time lines, to the senate and house appropriations subcommittees on the department budget, the senate and house standing committees on human services matters, the senate and house fiscal agencies and policy offices, and the state budget director.*

The Office of Training and Staff Development (OTSD) is currently working with training staff (identified during the Private Public Partnership Initiative) from Wedgewood and Eagle Village to develop Child Welfare Institute (CWI) curriculum specifically for delivery by private agencies. This will allow for private agencies to use a training curriculum that is consistent with what is currently taught during the CWI-8 week new worker institute. Through the development of a training collaborative a train the trainer program will be established. Projected completion of train the trainer curriculum is December 2006.

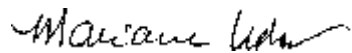
A collaborative training body met on December 12, 2005 to develop a unified training approach to delivering training to both the public and private providers. This is the first step in the cross promotion and collaboration of training between OTSD and private entities. In November, OTSD worked with the Michigan Federation for Children and Families to provide 50 training slots for DHS employees to attend "Effective Strategies for Addressing Severe Behavior in Children".

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The development of Michigan's PRIDE Foster and Adoptive parents training was designed with the assistance of foster parents from around the state. In addition, OTSD will be co training the PRIDE train the trainer curriculum with foster parents beginning in February 2006.

If you have any questions, please contact John Sorbet, Chief Administrative Officer, at 373-7787.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Marianne Udow".

Marianne Udow

cc: Senate and House Appropriations Committees
Senate and House Fiscal Agencies
Senate and House Policy Offices
State Budget Director